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SUBJECT: EFFORTS TO AVOID PROBLEMS DURING COMING TUNA FISHING

SEASON: COUNCIL FOR FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT DECISION ON
600 NRT, COST OF LICENSES AND EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE

REF: A. QUITO 9326

B. QUITO 9325

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMED EMBASSY TODAY THAT INTER-MINISTERIAL COUNCIL FOR FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT HAD DECIDED TO REMOVE LIMIT ON FISHING BY VESSELS OF 600 NRT OR MORE IN ECUADOREAN-CLAIMED WATERS AND WOULD NOT INCREASE THE COST OF FISHING LICENSES, BUT WOULD EXTEND 40-MILE EXCLUSIVE COASTAL FISHING ZONE TO 60 MILES.

2. AMBASSADOR GARCIA VELASCO, FOREIGN MINISTRY LEGAL ADVISOR, TOLD POLCOUNS THAT COUNCIL'S DECEMBER 22 MEETING WAS LONG AND DIFFICULT. MFA'S EFFORTS ON REMOVAL OF 600 NRT LIMIT AND PREVENTING INCREASE IN COST OF LICENSES WAS SUCCESSFUL BUT MFA CAST ONLY VOTE FOR MAINTAINING EXCLUSIVE FISHING ZONE AT PRESENT 40 MILE LIMIT. PROTECTION AND PREFERENCE FOR NATIONAL FISHERMEN WAS PRIMARY MOTIVE FOR
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EXTENSION OF ZONE. IN RESPONSE TO POLCOUNS QUERY, GARCIA

SAID HE THOUGHT WE COULD NOT SUCCESSFULLY INTERVENE TO GET 40 TO 60 MILE EXCLUSIVE ZONE DECISION REVERSED.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY SUBSECRETARY AYALA TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR TO REPORT SUBSTANTIALLY WHAT GARCIA VELASCO HAD ALREADY COMMUNICATED TO POLCOUNS. AYALA CHARACTERIZED THIS ACTION AS "ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION OF OUR DESIRE FOR BETTER RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES." IN REFERRING TO THE CHANGE FROM A 40 TO A 60 MILE EXCLUSIVE COASTAL FISHING ZONE, AYALA CHARACTERIZED THIS AS BEING NECESSARY FOR "NATIONAL BALANCE". AMBASSADOR REINTERPRETED THIS AS "POLITICAL NECESSITY" AND AYALA CONCURRED, SAYING IN EFFECT THAT IT WAS A NECESSARY BONE FOR DOMESTIC FISHING INTERESTS. AYALA SAID THAT HE WAS SENDING INSTRUCTIONS TO CONSULS TODAY REGARDING THESE CHANGES AND SAID THAT WE COULD INFORM THE BOATS OF OVER 600 NRT THAT THEY WOULD BE PERMITTED TO FISH THIS YEAR. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, HOWEVER, HE AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER TO WAIT UNTIL THERE HAD BEEN PUBLICITY ON THIS DECISION AND/OR THE ISSUANCE OF THE MINISTERIAL DECREE. BOTH ARE EXPECTED TO OCCUR RAPIDLY.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IN REF B I ASKED THAT THE DEPARTMENT SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO SAN DIEGO TO BRIEF THE TUNA INDUSTRY ON THIS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS IF THE 600 NRT LIMIT WERE REMOVED. I STILL WISH THIS ACTION TO BE TAKEN, BUT NOT UNTIL THE GOE GIVES PUBLICITY TO OUR PUBLISHES THE MEASURE REMOVING THE 600 NRT LIMIT. ACCORDINGLY, I REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT AWAIT THE EMBASSY'S FURTHER ADVICE BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH THIS ACTION REQUEST.
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